

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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ST. LOUIS GENERAL MARKET. Receipts of Live Stock and Hides.

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LONG CHASE FOR OFFICERS. Noted Counterfeiter Eludes the Detective for Seventeen Years.

Used Only a Pen in Doing His Work. Emanuel Ninger, the Most Expert Counterfeiter in the United States, Captured After a Long Career.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Emanuel Ninger was arrested last night and confined in Ludlow street jail in default of \$20,000 bail.

Secret service agents of the federal government believe they have solved the secret of this mysterious man's life, and at the same time have discovered who has baffled all their efforts for seventeen years.

It is a case that has been handed down by many a retiring chief of the secret service to his successor. It was in 1873 that the government detective first began a hunt for a penman who, by his painstaking handiwork and artistic skill, could, with simple pen and ink, so successfully imitate a costly engraved United States greenback or bank note that it defied detection by any expert.

That it defied detection by any expert, that it defied traces of his work in many parts of the country, but every time they thought they had a definite clue, he would vanish and they would be compelled to begin their chase over again.

Agent George Bage of the secret service is of the opinion that Ninger is the man they have been looking for so long. Mr. Bage claims that Ninger has made a confession and has surrendered the pens, ink and paper which he used in making the counterfeit bills.

Several times Ninger has been arrested, but he always managed to get away from home for weeks at a time, but none of the village gossips ever undertook to learn the reason.

Discovered Another Big Shortage. PITTSBURGH, April 2.—Another shortage amounting to \$30,000 was discovered today by the committee auditing the books of the City of Erie.

The committee, headed by Mayor T. J. Moran, is now more than \$100,000. Moran and his assistant, House, are now out on bond pending trial for misappropriation of public funds.

A SILVER FIGHT AT ALBANY. Exposure of the Effort to Invalidate the Sterling Standard.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 11.—Occasionally in legislation there is something of interest outside the realm of politics entirely—something in which women as well as men are concerned, and families quite as much as the frequenters of saloons and corner grocers.

Such is the attempt to practically invalidate and make of no effect the beneficent sterling silver law passed in 1894 as an amendment to the penal code and which makes it a misdemeanor to purchase, sell, import or export, for any one in the state, to manufacture or sell goods marked "sterling" that do not contain 92.5 parts of pure silver to 7.5 parts of alloy.

The law as it stands is eminently just and proper. It works hardship to no one; it protects the honest manufacturer in particular, but it is intended to prohibit, and if strictly enforced, it would prohibit a species of swindling against which, unfortunately, there is, otherwise very little protection.

For it cannot too widely understood that in no description of goods is it more easy to deceive the purchaser than in silverware. Such is the peculiar nature of the alloy that it may be fully of base metal and yet present the same appearance as pure silver, though it is the 925-1,000 pure silver, which is the sterling standard.

Consequently great quantities of dishonest silver have been palmed off for years, and even after the passage of the present law, the dishonest manufacturer, who declares that this country is fully able to take care of itself and that nothing is feared from foreign makers, it is deemed that there is any intention to form a trust or pool.

After a steady decline in values since Monday, the market took a turn today and came to the notice of the trade and public. The movement was active at the advance, the packers all wanting goods, and the bulk of the offerings changed hands early.

The light hogs sold at \$5.65, 75c, as against \$5.60, 75c, on Thursday of last week. There were only 1,600 head of hogs offered, and the market was very active. In addition to the few head of hogs reported, there were about 600 head of stock hogs in the market.

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